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POLAND: Winter Grain Crop Threatened

Abnormally dry weather is threatening prospects for Poland's winter grain crop. Since August, rainfall in the major grain growing areas has been more than 60 percent below normal.

Press reports indicate dry soil conditions caused farmers in many areas to delay planting until after optimum sowing dates.

Comment: Winter grains normally account for about 60 percent of total grain production, and potential yields have already been cut. Favorable weather during the winter and early spring is needed to hold these losses to a minimum.

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